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Dear CCDF Child Care Provider;

Effective May 11, 2014, the Bureau of Child Care (BCC) will be implementing a new CCDF reimbursement rate structure. This CCDF reimbursement rate is the maximum amount that the State will pay for the care of a child receiving CCDF voucher benefits.

As you may know, the current rates are based on several factors including the county where care is provided, the provider type and the age of the child receiving the CCDF benefit. BCC is now adding an additional factor to the rate calculation, the Paths to QUALITY™ rating level of the program. The new rate structure will be posted online after April 11 at <http://www.in.gov/fssa/2552.htm>.

This new structure will not impact the amount of reimbursement that your program is currently receiving through the CCDF program.

While these new rates will not impact your program, this is a great time for you to consider joining Paths to QUALITY. Paths to QUALITY is voluntary and available to your program. There are many benefits to participation, including the new increased CCDF reimbursement rates, free onsite coaching and professional development, awards and incentives and marketing support. So far over 2,360 programs across the state have joined and are experiencing these benefits and more.

The first step in joining Paths to QUALITY is to become licensed, or if your program is a Registered Ministries, by achieving voluntary certification through the Voluntary Certification Program (VCP). As a licensed exempt program you are not required to be licensed or to become certified; however, know that if you want to, you can. There are four levels in Paths to QUALITY, each adds gradual quality improvements and builds on the levels before it. Purdue University has validated the Paths to QUALITY system using research that shows that the level advancements result in higher quality. If you would like more information on Paths to QUALITY, including the results of the Purdue research, please visit our website at <http://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/2554.htm>. If you would like to talk to someone about Paths to QUALITY please contact your local Child Care Resource and Referral office (see attached map for contact information).

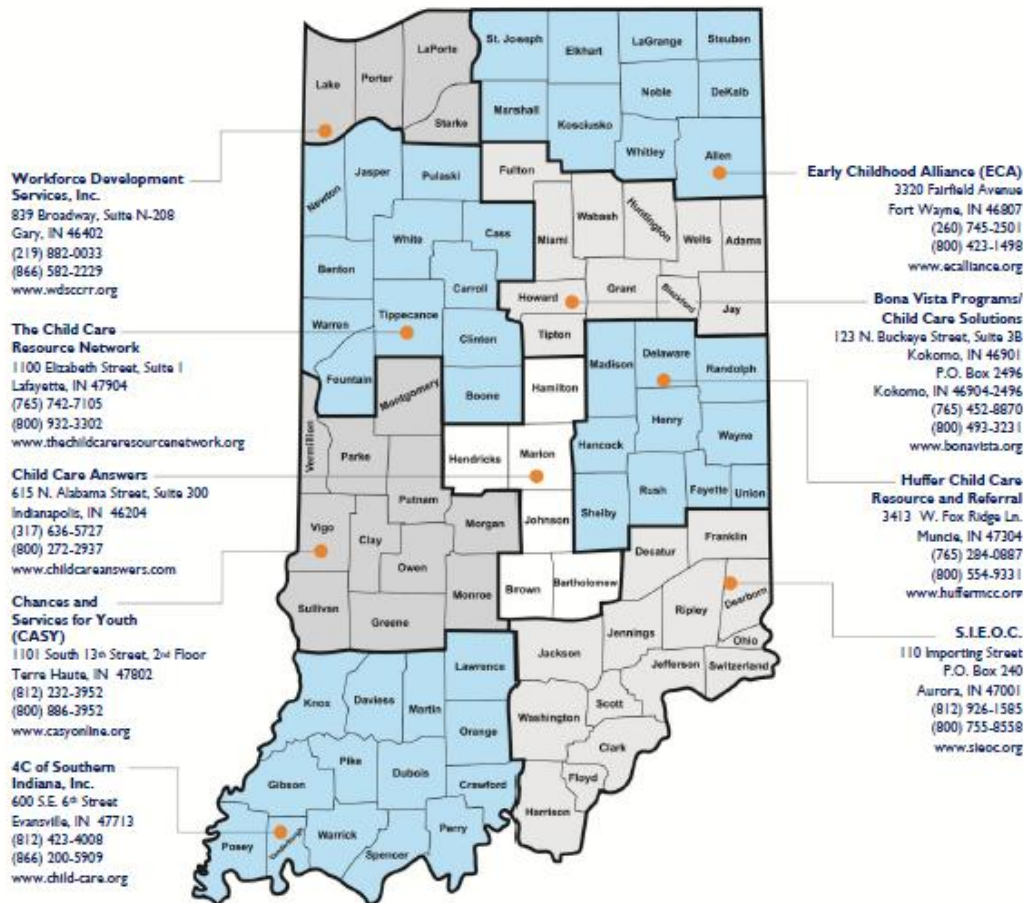
Thank you for caring for Indiana's children. You have a tremendous opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children, their families and your community. I hope that you consider joining Paths to QUALITY.

Sincerely,
Melanie Brizzi
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